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Attention: Antitrust Division
Office of Attorney General
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Dear Attorney General Coakley:

We are writing to you representing the Board of Trustees for the South Shore Hospital Charitable Foundation, a group of more than sixty community volunteers dedicated to promoting philanthropic support of South Shore Hospital. As the Executive Committee of the Board, we want to express our support for the merger of South Shore Hospital with Partners HealthCare.

We expressed our support for joining Partners in a letter to the Health Policy Commission earlier this year. At this point in the public regulatory review process, we wish to reaffirm our belief in the vital importance of this merger. As residents, clinicians and business leaders on the South Shore, we know that this partnership will ensure that South Shore Hospital is better positioned to strengthen the level of care in our region. Together, the two organizations can provide greater value to our patients where they live and work by enhancing the quality and scope of services.

We recognize that other parties in the review process have expressed concerns regarding aspects of this plan. We support the terms negotiated in the consent decree placed before the Superior Court as a reasonable compromise that establishes protections for those concerns while allowing this vital evolution of our regional health care system to move forward.

On behalf of the individuals, families, and organizations represented by the Foundation – and in the interest of the Hospital's mission of healing, caring, and comforting – we support the proposal for South Shore Hospital to join Partners HealthCare. We sincerely hope that the judicial review process will rule in favor of this vision.

Sincerely,

The Executive Committee of the South Shore Hospital Charitable Foundation

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